



POETRY.

THE FIRST AND LAST PRAYER.

BY MISS M. A. BROWNE.

'Pray for me, mother!—pray that no blight
May come on my hopes and prospects bright;
Pray that my days may long be fair—
Free from the cowering touch of care;
Pray that the laurels I grasp at now,
May live ere long upon my brow;
And pray that my gentle lady-love
May be fond as the nightingale, true as the
dove.'

The mother knelt by her own hearth stone,
With her hand on the head of her only son,
And lifting up her glowing eye,
Prayed for all blessings fervently;
And then she took one look of hair
From his manly forehead, smooth and fair,
And he kissed her cheek, and left her side,
With a bounding step and a smile of pride.

'Pray for me, mother! pray that ere long,
My soul may be free as the wild bird's song,
That away on the wings of the wind is driv'n,
And goes to rest with them in Heaven;
Pray for it, mother!—may, do not weep!
Thou wast wont to bless my infant sleep;
And bless me now with thy gentle breath,
Ere I sink away in the arms of death.'

The mother knelt by his side again—
Oh, her first prayer had been all in vain!
His lady-love had been false to him—
His fame in slander's breath was dim;
She look'd on his altered cheek and eye,
And she felt 'twas best that he should die;
Then she pray'd for his death in her fond des-
pair.
And his soul pass'd away with that last wild
prayer.

TOOTHACH.

'When fevers burn and agues freeze us,
Rheumatics gnaw and cholics squeeze us,
Our neighbors sympathize to ease us,
Wi' pitying moan—
But thou the hell o' a' diseases,
Thou mock our groan.' Burns.

The toothach is rendered more distress-
ing, if not more acute, by there being no
commiseration for the wretchedness it oc-
casioned. The belief in this, and a keen
recollection of bodily and mental sufferings,
have produced the following little narra-
tive:—

Some years ago, a tremendous tooth,
with three enormous prongs, confined me
to my room, and irritated me to a state
little short of distraction. With my head
tied up in a bandana handkerchief, both
hands on my afflicted jaw, I sat swaying
to and fro, as if endeavoring to calm a
fractious infant; at other times I stamped
about like a lunatic, or plunged on my bed
like a frog swimming. Being at length
reduced to a state of exhaustion, I was an-
xious to retreat from all intercourse with
the world; yet knock after knock at the
door continued, as if only to increase my
already excessive nervous irritability. Ma-
ny of the persons I had no desire to see,
but some were those interwoven with my
professional pursuits, and I was compelled
to be at home. I had to account for my
disconsolate appearance—to describe my
tormenting pangs, till I was weary of speak-
ing upon the subject. To all my fervid
descriptions, I received the cold remark,
and the chilling advice, that it was *only* the
toothach, and that I had better have it
extracted. All this time, the salivary
glands, were pouring their fluids into my
mouth, the gastric juices were wasting their
powers, and I was in a paroxysm of ex-
cruciating anguish. It was astonishing
how persons could calmly behold such a
complication of miseries. Nothing could
be eaten; slops became offensive; the sight
of a spoon frightful; and a basin revolting
as a perpetual glist. Even the air could
not be taken!—it was too much for the
petulance of my capricious tooth. On it
raged. I never met with any author but
Burns who had a proper idea of the tooth-
ach. He wished his enemies to have it
for a twelvemonth. Oh dear! He must be
more or less than a man who could en-
dure this. He must despair and perish.

How true it is, that out of evil often
some good will spring; for while I was
enduring this thumb-screw on my gums—
this gout in my jaw—this rack of nerves—
this destroyer of brains—amid this desola-
tion I acquired much useful information
respecting the toothach. One friend in-
formed me that half the suffering was oc-
casioned by nervous irritability; for, if I
went to a dentist with a determination to
have the tooth extracted, the moment I
entered the door the tooth would cease to
give me pain. He had proved it more
than once.

Another friend smiled at my deplorable
situation, and laughed at my desire to re-
tain in my mouth such a *thing*, that had
ceased to be a tooth; it was a mere stump,
with a carious triplex fang; worse than
useless; it was positively injurious. If
the case were his, he should give such a
tenant immediate notice to quit. With a
pair of pincers he would serve the eject-
ment himself, as an empty house was pre-
ferable to a bad tenant.

Another friend requested me to be care-
ful in selecting an operator on my tooth,

for that he went to a dentist once, under
anguish scarcely endurable, to have a large
double tooth like mine extracted. He
seated himself in a chair, and was told to
hold fast by the frame-work of the seat, to
prevent being hoisted up by the lever-
power in the hands of the operator. All
was properly arranged, the instrument in,
and a tooth drawn; but, unfortunately,
the fellow had taken the wrong tooth out,
being the only one left to meet another in
the opposite jaw, to enable my friend to
masticate his food. Bad as this was, he
found it must be endured, because the
tooth could not be replaced, and because
a portion of the jawbone had been torn a-
way with the tooth. Miserable situation!
The pain redoubled its violence, & he re-
solved to have the tormenting fang extract-
ed. To prevent being tossed against the
ceiling, he fixed his feet in leather straps
attached to the floor, and held firmly by
the chair. In this determined state he
made a round O of his mouth; the opera-
tor popped in the instrument, and u-g-h!
—a-h—it slipped. He felt as if a loaded
waggon had passed over his head. The den-
tist apologized, saying, 'It was a common
occurrence; gentlemen did not mind it
much, because the next attempt was al-
ways successful.' This my friend was ob-
liged to receive as a consolation, though
deficient in every satisfactory particular.
Down he sat; made another round O;
in went the instrument. Oh;—ough!—
gh! His head seemed separated from his
body, but only part of the tooth with one
fang was extracted. Again the dentist
begged pardon; 'hoped he should be ex-
cused, as every one must have a beginning,
in whatever profession. He would fetch
his master, who would punch out the re-
maining fangs in less than a quarter of an
hour!' This was too much. The gen-
tleman sickened at the idea, and left the
shop in a worse state than when he entered,
resolving never to intrust his head in the
hands of a beginner again.

This was a frightful relation of accumu-
lated horrors to me, for, as I had no ex-
pectation of relief from agony, but by the
skill of a dentist, I shuddered lest I should
be subjected to a similar treatment. My
poor servant girl Betty, who heard the
description of this bungling operation,
screamed in sympathetic recollection of
what she once had suffered under the
hands of a dentist. She begged of me, 'for
goodness sake, to give up the intention of
going to have my tooth hauled out in that
fashion, for she could assure me it was
quite unspeakable for to tell the pain that
must be endured. It was the most *scraunch*
that ever was in this mortal world.' No-
body could tell if their head was off or on,
and it wasn't a right way for to treat any
human creature.' I listened to poor Bet-
ty, because I began to think there was
one person who could appreciate my suf-
ferings. I hoped to escape from farther
interception by being denied, but Betty
told me a gentleman had been waiting some
time in the parlour, who said he would not
detain me half a minute. He came—a
friend I had not seen for years. He sym-
pathised with me, while I briefly told how
sadly I was afflicted.

'My dear friend,' exclaimed he, 'I can
cure you in ten minutes.'

'How? how?' inquired I; do it in pi-
ty.'

'Instantly,' said he. 'Betty, have you
any alum?'

'Yes.'

'Bring it, and some common salt.'

They were produced; my friend pulver-
ized them, mixed them in equal quantities;
then wet a small piece of cotton, causing
the mixed powders to adhere, and placed
it in my hollow tooth.

'There,' said he, 'if that do not cure
you, I will forfeit my head. You may
tell this in Gath, and publish it in Ascha-
lon; the remedy is infallible.'

It was as he predicted. On the intro-
duction of the mixed alum and salt, I ex-
perienced a sensation of coldness, which
gradually subsided, and with it the tor-
ment of the toothach.

Though I thus learnt something from
my sufferings, and entertain a hope that
what I learnt, being thus published, will
be of service to my fellow creatures, I am
far from believing that my catholicism or
universal remedy has yet been discovered
for this afflictive malady. 'It would almost
appear, indeed, that, instead of there be-
ing any general cure for the toothach, ev-
ery body would require to have his own
cure; for though certain preparations have
been found effectual in certain cases, no-
thing is so common as to find these fail
when applied to others. Probably there is
one particular cure for every man on earth,
if he could only discover what it is. Till
that be done, I am afraid that the disease
must be looked upon as a *pin loose in na-
ture*, and just endured, when a remedy
cannot be hit upon, as an unavoidable evil.

LOWER CANADA POLITICS.

LORD ABERDEEN'S DESPATCH TO EARL
AMHERST.

Dated 2d April, 1836.

A Minute showing in what manner the
recommendations of the Canada Com-
mittee of 1828, have been carried into
execution by his Majesty's Govern-
ment.

In the following pages Lord Aberdeen
will attempt to show that there was a suf-
ficient reason to anticipate the entire con-
ciliation of Lower Canada from the accom-
plishment of the Resolutions of the Cana-
da Committee, and that to the utmost of
the Crown those Resolutions were in fact
carried into execution.

The appointment of the Canada com-
mittee of 1828 was, on every account an
important proceeding. The redress of
grievances had been demanded, not by an
isolated party, but by both of those great
bodies which divide between them the
wealth and political authority of the Pro-
vince; with views essentially dissimilar or
rather hostile, they had concurred in an
appeal to the Metropolitan Government.

By each body of Petitioners were de-
puted Agents authorized to interpret their
wishes, and to enforce their claims. The
committee itself was certainly not com-
posed of gentlemen unfavorable to the
views of the great numerical majority of
the House of Assembly; they prosecuted the
inquiry with great diligence and zeal;
they examined the Agents of both parties
and every other person capable of throwing
light on the subject referred to them.
None of the questions brought under their
notice, either by the Petitioners or by the
witnesses, was unexplored, and in the re-
sult a Report was made in which, with an
explanation of every known or supposed
grievance, were combined suggestions for
the guidance of the Executive Government
in applying the appropriate remedies.

The House of Assembly of Lower Can-
ada, in their answer to the Address with
which the Administrator of the Govern-
ment opened the Session of the Provin-
cial Parliament in the winter of 1828,
characterized this Report in terms which
may be transcribed as expressing on the
highest local authority the claims of that
document to respect, as affording a guide
at once to the Canadian Assembly, and to
the Ministers of the Crown, of the rights
to be asserted by the one and conceded
by the other. 'The charges and well found-
ed complaints (observed the House) of
the Canadians before that august Senate,
were referred to a committee of the House
of Commons, indicated by the colonial
Minister, that committee; exhibiting a strik-
ing combination of talent and patriotism,
uniting a general knowledge of public and
constitutional law to a particular acquain-
tance with the state of both the Canadas,
formally applauded almost all the reforms
which the Canadian people and their
Representatives demanded and still demand.
After a solemn investigation, after deep
and prolonged deliberation, the committee
made a Report, an imperishable monument
of their justice and profound wisdom, an
authentic testimonial of the reality of our
grievances, and of the justness of our com-
plaints, faithfully interpreting our wishes
and wants. Through this report so honor-
able to its authors, his Majesty's Govern-
ment has become better than ever acquain-
ted with the situation of this province, and
can better than ever remedy existing griev-
ances and obviate difficulties for the future.
Language more comprehensive or emphatic
could not have been found in which to
accord the acceptance by the House of As-
sembly of the Report of 1828, as the basis
on which they were content to proceed
for the adjustment of all differences. The
questions in debate became thenceforth,
by the common consent of both parties,
reducible to the single inquiry whether the
British Government had, to the full extent
of their lawful authority, faithfully carried
the recommendations of the committee of
1828 into execution.

On a review of all the subsequent cor-
respondence Lord Aberdeen finds himself
entitled to state, that in conformity with
the express injunctions and the paternal
wishes of the King, his Majesty's confi-
dential advisers have carried into complete
effect every suggestion offered for their
guidance by the committee of the House
of Commons.

It is necessary to verify this statement
by a careful and minute comparison be-
tween the advice received and the measures
adopted. To avoid the possibility of error,
the successive recommendations of the
committee of 1828 shall be transcribed at
length, with no other deviation than that
of changing the order in which the topics
are successfully arranged in their Report;
an order dictated by considerations of an
accidental nature, but otherwise uncon-
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venient as postponing many of the weightier
topics to some of comparatively light im-
portance.

First, then, the Report of 1828 contains
the following advice of the Canada com-
mittee on the subject of Finance; 'Al-
though from the opinions given by the
Law Officers of the Crown, Your com-
mittee must conclude that the legal right
of appropriating the Revenue arising from
the Act of 1774, is vested in the Crown,
they are prepared to say that the real inter-
ests of the Provinces would be best prom-
oted by placing the receipt and expenditure
of the whole Public Revenue under the
superintendence and control of the House
of Assembly.' 'If the Officers above
enumerated are placed on the footing rec-
ommended,' (that is, in a state of pecuniary
independence on the Assembly,) 'Your
committee are of opinion that all the Re-
venues of the Province, except the territo-
rial and hereditary Revenues, should be
placed under the control and direction of
the Legislative Assembly.'

The strict legal right of the Crown to
appropriate proceeds of the statute 14 Geo.
III. cap. 88, being thus directly main-
tained, the renunciation of that right was rec-
ommended on condition that 'the Gover-
nor, the members of the Executive Council
and the judges should be made independent
of the annual votes of the House of Assem-
bly for their respective salaries.' What
then has been the result? His Majesty
has renounced these his acknowledged legal
rights, but has not stipulated for the
performance, on the part of the Assembly,
of the conditions thus imposed upon them,
and to the present moment that condition
remains unfulfilled. By the British statute
1st and 2d Will. IV. cap. 73, which was
introduced into Parliament by his Ma-
jesty's then confidential advisers, the ap-
propriation of the revenues of the 14th
Geo. III. is transferred to the Assembly
absolutely, and without either that qual-
ification which the committee proposed, or
any other. Here, then, it cannot be denied
that their advice has been followed, not
only with implicit deference, but in a spir-
it of concession which they did not contem-
plate.

Secondly, on the subject of the repre-
sentation of the people in Lower Canada,
the opinion of the committee was expressed
in the following terms; 'Your committee
are now desirous of advertising to the rep-
resentative system of Lower Canada, with
respect to which, all parties seem to agree
that some change should take place.' After
detailing the various causes which had
led to an inequality in the number of the
members of the Assembly in favour of
the French inhabitants of the seigniories,
and therefore to the prejudice of the in-
habitants of English origin in the Town-
ships, the committee passed from the sub-
ject with the following general remark;
'In providing a representative system for
the inhabitants of a country which is grad-
ually comprehending within its limits new-
ly peopled and extensive districts, great im-
perfections must necessarily arise from
proceeding in the first instance on the basis
of population only. In Upper Canada a
representative system has been founded on
the compound basis of territory and popula-
tion. This principle, we think, might be
advantageously adopted in Lower Can-
ada.'

It was with the entire confidence of his
Majesty's Government that the Legislature
of Lower Canada assumed to themselves
the duty of giving effect to this part of the
advice of the committee. That report had
laid down, as a general principle, that with
one exception, 'all changes should, if pos-
sible, be carried into effect by the local
Legislature themselves,' and to that prin-
ciple the Ministers of the Crown adhered,
even in a case where the dominant major-
ity of the Assembly had an interest direct-
ly opposed to that of the great body of
the English inhabitants, for whose special
relief the new Representation bill was to
be enacted. Such a bill was accordingly
passed, and was reserved for the signifi-
cation of his Majesty's pleasure. It actually
received the royal assent, and is, at this
day, the law of the Province.

In this case also the concessions made
to the Canadian inhabitants of French ori-
gin were far greater than the authors of the
Report of 1828 could have had in contem-
plation. The Upper Canadian principle,
of combining territory and population as
the basis of elective franchise, was not
adopted in Lower Canada; the Assembly
substituted for it a new division of the
country, of which the effect has been to
increase rather than to diminish the dis-
proportion between the numbers returned
by the English and those representing the
French Canadian interest. This result of
the bill was distinctly foreseen by the
official advisers of the Crown, and it be-
came the subject of grave deliberation
whether his Majesty should be advised

to acquiesce in a scheme which followed
the advice of the Canada committee, so
far indeed as to effect a serious change in
the representative body, and so far as to
give to the English settlers a few more
voices in the Assembly, but not so far as to
secure to them any additional weight in the
deliberations of that house. It is not within
the object of this minute to defend or to
explain the motives of the ultimate deci-
sion in favour of the bill. For the present
purpose, it is enough to say that the ac-
ceptance of it gave to the Canadians of
French origin far more than the Report
of 1828 authorised them to expect.

Thirdly, inferior only in importance to
the topics already noticed is that of the
independence of the judges, respecting
which the following passage may be ex-
tracted from the Report of 1828; 'On the
other hand, your committee, while recom-
mending such a concession on the part of
the Crown, (the concession, that is, of the
revenue,) 'are strongly impressed with
the advantage of rendering the judges in-
dependent of the annual votes of the House
of Assembly for their respective salaries.
Your committee are fully aware of the
objections in principle which may be fairly
raised against the practice of voting perma-
nent salaries to judges who are removable
at the pleasure of the Crown; but being
convinced that it would be inexpedient
that the Crown should be deprived of that
power of removal, and having well consid-
ered the public inconvenience which might
result from their being left in dependence
upon an annual vote of the Assembly, they
have decided to make the recommenda-
tion in their instance of a permanent vote
of salary.'

Thus the Canada Committee of 1828
were of opinion that the judges ought to
be independent of the Assembly for their
incomes, but ought to continue liable to re-
moval from office at the pleasure of the
Crown. Yet, so far has the British Gov-
ernment been from meeting out relief to the
province grudgingly, or in any narrow
spirit, they have left nothing unattempted
which could secure to the judges, not mere-
ly that pecuniary independence which the
committee advised, but that independent
tenure of office also which this Report ex-
pressly dissuaded. In the adjacent province
of Upper Canada, both objects have been
happily accomplished. In his despatch of
the 6th April, 1831, No. 22, the Earl of
Ripon explained to Lord Aylmer the
course of proceeding which had been
adopted for asserting the independence of
the judges in this kingdom, and signified
to the governor his Majesty's commands
to avail himself of the earliest opportunity
for proposing to the Legislative Council
and Assembly of Lower Canada the enact-
ment of a bill, declaring that the commis-
sions of all the judges of the supreme
courts should be granted to endure during
their good behaviour and not during the
royal pleasure; and Lord Aylmer was
further instructed, in the name and on be-
half of his Majesty, to assent to a bill for
carrying that object into effect. Lord
Ripon, however, declared it to be, 'of
course, an essential condition of this ar-
rangement that an adequate provision should
be made for the judges.' It remains to
state the result. A bill was passed by the
House of Assembly, by which, indeed, the
tenure of the judicial office was made to
depend on the good behaviour of the judg-
es, and by which a provision, adequate in
amount, was made for them. But that
provision was so granted as to be liable to
be diminished or taken away by the annu-
al votes of the House of Assembly. To
this measure, so popular in its general
character or pretensions, were also 'tack-
ed,' to adopt the usual parliamentary phrase,
clauses, by which a right to dispose of the
Territorial Revenue of the Crown was as-
serted, and by which all the public officers
in the colony, the governor himself not be-
ing expressly excepted, were made amena-
ble to a tribunal to be constituted for the
trial of all impeachments preferred by the
representatives of the people. Such was
the return made to an act of grace, which
the Canada committee themselves had ex-
pressly dissuaded. To have acquiesced in
it would have involved a sacrifice of what-
ever is due to the dignity of the King, and
to the liberties of his Majesty's subjects.
His Majesty's assent therefore was with-
holden, though not without the expression
of the deepest regret, and the most distinct
offer to assent to any other bill for estab-
lishing the independence of the judges,
which should be exempt from such objec-
tions. The House of Assembly, however,
have never since tendered an act of that
nature for the acceptance of his Majesty,
or of his Majesty's representative in the
province.

Fourthly, The next topic is that of the
composition of the Legislative and execu-
tive councils respecting which the following
suggestions occur in the Report of 1828;

'One,' it is said, 'of the most important subjects to which their inquiries have been directed, has been the state of the legislative councils in both the Canadas, and the manner in which these assemblies have answered the purposes for which they were instituted. Your committee strongly recommend that a more independent character should be given to these bodies; that the majority of their members should not consist of persons holding offices at the pleasure of the Crown, and that any other measures that may tend to connect more intimately this branch of the constitution with the interests of the colonies would be attended with the greatest advantage. With respect to the judges, with the exception only of the chief Justice, whose presence on particular occasions might be necessary, your committee entertain no doubt that they had better not be involved in the political business of the house. Upon similar grounds it appears to your committee that it is not desirable that judges should hold seats in the executive council.'

With what scrupulous exactness these recommendations have been followed will now be shown. With respect to the judges, Lord Ripon in the despatch of the 8th February already quoted, conveyed to Lord Aylmer his Majesty's commands to signify to the Legislative Council and Assembly his Majesty's settled purpose to nominate on no future occasion any judge as a member either of the executive or of the legislative council of the province. It was added that the single exception to that general rule would be that the chief Justice of Quebec would be a member of the Legislative Council, in order that the members of that body might have the benefit of his assistance in framing laws of a general and permanent character. But his Majesty declared his purpose to recommend even to that high officer a cautious abstinence from all proceedings by which he might be involved in any political contentions of a party nature.

It was not in the power of the King's Government to remove from the Legislative Council any of the judges who had already been appointed to be members of that body, because the terms of the constitutional act secure to them the enjoyment of their seats for life. But in a private despatch of the same date, the four gentlemen who had at that time combined the judicial character with seats in the council, were earnestly exhorted to resign their places as councillors, and were assured that nothing should be wanting to rescue them from any possibility of misconstruction as to the motives by which that advice had been dictated or obeyed. In point of fact, it was not accepted; but the judges unanimously agreed to withdraw from all active interference in the business of the council, and have never since attended its sittings. The chief Justice indeed, as was recommended by the Canada Committee, forms the single exception; but even that gentleman, as far as the information of this office extends, has confined his interference within the limits prescribed to him by the committee, and by the Earl of Ripon.

The principles laid down by the committee of 1828 for regulating the composition of the Legislative Council have been not less strictly pursued in every other respect. Since the date of their report eighteen new members have been appointed. Of that number, there is not one who holds any office or place of emolument at the pleasure of the Crown, or who is in any other manner dependent upon the favour of his Majesty or of his official advisers. Of the eighteen new members, ten are of French origin. The total number of councillors is 35, of whom only seven hold public offices. Amongst them is the Bishop of Quebec, who is in the fullest sense of the term independent of the Crown. The chief Justice, whose independence is altogether nominal, is another. Of the whole body of thirty-five members, there remain therefore but five, over whom the executive government can, with any reason or plausibility, be said to possess any direct influence.

It is, therefore, not without a reasonable confidence that the words in which the committee of 1828 suggest the proper composition of the Legislative Council may be adopted as precisely descriptive of the manner in which it is actually composed. 'A more independent character has been given to that body. The majority of the members does not consist of persons holding office at the pleasure of the Crown.' This 'branch of the constitution has been connected more intimately with the interests of the province' by the addition of a large body of independent Canadian gentlemen.

But the case may be carried still farther, and it may be shown that, in respect to the councils, the efforts of Lord Aberdeen's predecessors have left behind them the advice of the Canada Committee. The Executive Council has also been strengthened by the addition of three members of French origin. A seat was offered to Mr. Neilson, the most prominent of the delegates from the House of Assembly of 1828, and to Mr. Papineau, the Speaker of that House. It need scarcely be said that it was impossible to give a more decisive proof of the wish of the Crown, that the composition of the Canadian Council should be acceptable to the great majority of the people.

Fifthly. The next in order of the recommendations of that committee relates to the clergy Reserves, a subject on which they employed the following language: 'As your committee entertain no doubt that the reservation of these lands in mortmain is a serious obstacle to the improvement of the colony, they think every proper ex-

ertion should be made to place them in the hands of persons who will perform upon them the duties of settlement, and bring them into gradual cultivation.'

Although the views of the committee were thus limited to the improvement of the clergy Reserves, the Government advanced to the redress of the evil indicated in the Report, by a measure not only far more decisive, but eminently remarkable for the confidence it expressed in the Provincial Legislature. The constitutional Act having authorised his Majesty, with the advice of the Legislative Council and Assembly, to vary or repeal any of the provisions therein made for the allotment or appropriation of lands for the support of the Protestant clergy, Lord Ripon availing himself of that enactment, proposed that the power of repeal should be exercised by those bodies, and should be accompanied with a declaration that the reserve lands should merge in the general demesne of the Crown. The object of this proposal was to bring the reserves within the reach of the general rules under which all the waste lands of the Province are progressively sold to the highest bidder. To prevent any possible misconception of the views of his Majesty's Government, the draft of a bill for the accomplishment of this design was transmitted to Lord Aylmer, with instructions to give his assent, if such a law should be presented for his acceptance. To obviate the risk of offence being given, by suggesting to the House of Assembly the exact language, as well as the general scope of a measure to originate with them, Lord Aylmer was directed to proceed with the most cautious observance of the privileges of that body, and of all the constitutional forms. Anticipating the contingency of the measure being adopted in substance, but with variations in the terms, Lord Ripon further stated that in that event the bill was not to be rejected by the Governor, but was to be specially reserved for the signification of his Majesty's pleasure.

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PARLIAMENT OF UPPER CANADA. House of Assembly.

Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Mr. Secretary Joseph brought down from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Message, and having delivered the same to the Speaker, retired.

The Message was read by the Speaker as follows:

F. B. HEAD.

The Lieutenant Governor has received from his Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Petition addressed to the House of Commons, by a member of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada.

As the Lieutenant Governor conceives that the said Petition contains allegations which affect the liberty of the inhabitants of this province, as well as the character and privileges of the House of Assembly, he deems it advisable that the House should immediately be made acquainted with the same, and he, therefore, transmits a copy for their information.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Nov. 15th, 1836.

Copy of Petition was read by the Clerk as follows:

(Copy.)

To the Honorable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of Charles Duncombe, Esq., of Burford, in the County of Oxford, in the Province of Upper Canada, and Member for that County in the present House of Assembly for that Province:

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has been deputed by the Reformers of that Province, to lay before his Majesty's Government and your honourable House, the dangerous crisis at which the affairs of that province have unhappily arrived, through the unconstitutional violence and outrage practised and sanctioned by Sir F. B. Head, the present Lieutenant Governor, and those under his immediate influence and control, at the late elections, for the purpose of obtaining a majority in the House of Assembly.

That in the County of Oxford where your Petitioner was a successful candidate, John B. Askin, Esq., Returning Officer, in the early part of his election, while the contest was doubtful, refused to take the votes of many Reformers, long resident in the Province, though they had voted at former elections, and offered to take the oaths required by the Statute, some of whom had taken the oath of Allegiance before James Ferguson, Esq., Returning Officer at the last election, and now the opposing Candidate and Registrar for the county of Oxford, upon the ground that they had not the certificate with them of their having taken the oath, which had not formerly been required at any of your Petitioner's previous elections. They declared their willingness to take the oath of Allegiance at the hustings, where it frequently had been administered at former elections, but which was utterly refused on this occasion, by Mr. Askin, the Returning Officer.

That after the election closed in Oxford your Petitioner, who is a freeholder of Middlesex, proceeded on the last day of the election to the polling for that county; on arriving within a mile and a half of the village of London, where the election was held, he met Mr. Moore, one of the successful candidates, escaping from the Orangemen, who he said had threatened his life, and that he should not be return-

ed, and who were driving with clubs the Reformers from the hustings, and beating them wherever they found them. That your Petitioner believes such would have been less likely to occur, had the election for this county been held at the village of St. Thomas, where it had formerly been held, and where it was first appointed by Sir Francis Head to have been held, and it was not the residence of the Government officers, who at London, with Mr. Croxner, a Clergyman of the Church of England, who had been recently inducted into the rectory at that place, were constantly harassing and cheering on the Orangemen, who were seen running through the streets intoxicated, with clubs, threatening the Reformers with instant death if they shouted Reform; and Mr. Moore said, that when the voting commenced in the early part of the election, Edward Allan Talbot, and John Scatchard, Esqrs., Magistrates of that place, were in some twenty special constables to keep the peace.

That Mr. Wilson, the returning officer, forbade the Magistrates from interfering with the rioters during the election, and when Mr. Talbot insisted on his right as a Magistrate to keep the peace, at any place not immediately about the hustings, the returning officer threatened to commit him to prison.

That of the many complaints the people of Upper Canada have to prefer, the following deserve the immediate attention of your honourable House.

That the Lieutenant Governor, the attorney General, and Solicitor General, and in general every public functionary, made common cause with the Tories & Orangemen against the Reformers, using every means in their power to overcome the Reformers, and influence the election in favour of the Tory Candidates.

That by the general law of Upper Canada, no elector can vote upon a freehold the transfer title of which has been less than three months in his possession and registered as such.

That Sir Francis Head in order to overwhelm these legally registered electors issued a large number of patents or grants of lands, under the Great Seal, in many cases for only a quarter of an acre of wild uncultivated land on which no buildings were erected, such grants being generally dated subsequent to the dissolution of Parliament and in some cases even after the opening of the poll, at which the holders of such grants actually voted.

That the holders of such grants as in the case of the Rev. Dr. Phillips, one of the new Rectors of the Established church of England, were called upon at the hustings to swear to the value of such grants being forty shillings; he declined to do so and could not vote.

That the number of such patents to be prepared was so great as to require an additional number of clerks to get them ready, and your petitioner believes, he would be able to prove thousands of such grants of land were issued and voted upon at the election.

That such grants were distributed openly at the places of election, to persons who had not applied at the time for such patents, and who received deeds to enable them to vote, without paying the usual fees. At Simcoe, one of the many instances, Mr. Ritchie, the Government Emigrant Agent, thus issued hundreds of those grants to persons who voted immediately on them.

That heretofore the uniform practice has been not to issue the patents until the purchase money and fees have been paid, and all the conditions of the order in council been complied with.

That bands of Orangemen, supposed to have been organized by their lodges, committed acts of outrage and violence at many of the elections, and the Returning Officer, as at London, refused to allow the Magistrates to interfere to prevent such breaches of the peace.

That at Leeds these bands, generally armed with clubs, drove the Reformers and their candidates from the hustings—and at Leeds, procured the return of the Grand Master, Ogle K. Gowan, as member for that county.

That the rioters then proceeded to Grenville, where the Reform candidates were at the head of the poll—pulled down the hustings, and destroyed the poll booths.

That by these, and many other unconstitutional acts, encouraged by the Lieut. Governor and public functionaries in every part of the province, the real electors have been overwhelmed, and their franchise rendered of no avail.

Your petitioner therefore humbly begs, that your honourable House will institute such inquiry into these grievances, and adopt such measures as shall do justice to the people of Upper Canada.

(Signed,) CHARLES DUNCOMBE

A true Copy,

J. JOSEPH.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Murney.

Ordered—that the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the accompanying document, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs Macnab, Draper, Woodruff, Sherwood, & Parke, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Thorburn, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that one thousand copies of the Message of his Excellency, together with the Petition of Charles Duncombe, Esq., a Member of the House for the County of Oxford, presented by him in behalf of himself and fellow Reformers of Upper Canada, to the Imperial Parliament, be printed for the use of members.

On which the yeas and nays were taken

and the question decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-nine.

To the Editor of the Quebec Gazette.

SIR,—Permit me to transcribe for the Radical and Constitutional readers of your valuable journal, the following extract from 'The Memoirs of Lucien Bonaparte, written by himself,' trusting that it may at least open the eyes of those persons who are endeavoring to destroy the happy Constitution under which we live and will die to defend.

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Dec. 2, 1836.

—'But it is not less true, that until my residence in England, there still remained in me a great deal of the old republican, and public liberty appeared to me to be almost incompatible with royalty.'

'But in England I have been convinced that a monarchy really constitutional is requisite for a great people, as much and more, perhaps, than any other form of government. We see here the best of republics, not in a programme, but in facts and manners. The legislative power wisely divided amongst three authorities, who exercise without obstacle their own prerogatives; the executive power having all the authority to do good, and not having, and not seeking to do evil. This judiciary power is so completely independent, that the most obscure individual, as well as the richest lord, as the most illustrious or the most humble exile of the continent, reposes equally in security, beneath the guarantee of the jury, that no sacrilegious attack can tarnish, and beneath the inviolability of the domicile, that no wretch can violate. The elective chamber, named by eight hundred thousand electors over a population of twenty-five millions, which, without being the universal suffrage, approaches five times nearer to it than we do, since we ought to have in that proportion more than a million of electors! The chamber of peers, in fine, is accessible to every citizen, and too powerful and too enlightened to yield to the seductions of courts, or the clamours of the multitude. These hereditary magistrates have been for above a century and a half the defenders of the charter, the immortal work of their ancestors,—their tutelary supremacy will long continue to be the palladium of British liberties. Provided they never cease to oppose an immovable resistance to the overflowing torrent of demagogical opinions, that a social overthrow can alone satisfy. Provided they do not abandon their ground to defend themselves feebly against that of their adversaries. Provided they follow always the high state reason, which judges, in the first place, of the effect of a new law upon the whole of the constitution, instead of considering solely that absolute perfection of theory, illusory enough sometimes to insinuate into the political body a mortal germ of dissolution, seductive appearance of a salutary amelioration. Provided, above all, that they do not arrive some day, even to suffer them to drag in the dirt, the patrician toga, or at least cease to have the same respect for it as for the royal mantle and the elective chamber; for, (if by timidity,) by indifference, or by false popularity, to provoke or contribute to the profanation of one of the three fundamental authorities,—would that be walking in the road to a wise reform?'

'Would it not rather be completely turning the back upon old England, to follow the errors of a democracy without control?'

'Would it not be denying that charter, as yet without a rival in the ancient world, and whose vital strength resides in the equal independence, the equal respectability, the equal inviolability of the King, the Lords, and the Commons.'

For the Mississkoui Standard.

REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON.

The comparison of human life to things of short duration, though very frequently made by all writers of a serious cast; and though the justness of the comparison is demonstrated in the experience of all men, yet we know that the impression which it makes on the generality of our race, is, as if a tale was heard soon to be forgotten. There is nothing farther from our minds than practically to allow that our life is exceedingly short and very uncertain; for we spend our time as if we had a bond for its perpetuity. To produce salutary reflections, it may be useful to turn our meditations to such images and considerations as will bring the matter home to our bosoms.

The holy Scriptures declare that 'all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.' On such passages, it may be observed that no capacity however limited; no degree of intellectual culture, how much soever it may have been neglected, & suffered to remain overgrown with weeds, requires much instruction to render their meaning clearly understood and felt. The rudest barbarian, the humblest of our race, the infidel and the atheist understand the natural sense of all such reflections, because they are engraved on the heart and conspicuously emblazoned on every object around. They need no process of argumentation to demonstrate their truth but merely an attention to what we see and to what we feel.

Behold the change which has taken place on the fair face of God's beautiful creation within the last few weeks! In the spring and summer months, all was beauty to the admiring eye, and music to every ear. The fields and the meadows were covered with grass in living green; adorned with an infinite variety of flowers, displaying

wherever we turned our eyes colours of every tint and every hue. In multifarious magnificence they sprung up far & wide, & bloomed wherever we looked. The genial showers of heaven dropped down fatness from their lofty chambers. The trees of the forest, first, put out the bud, then expanded their beautiful foliage, till the whole extent, farther than eye can reach, became a vast canopy of cooling shades. In the autumnal months which then ensued the earth yielded a rich profusion of treasures, nourishing to man and beast; and the loaded branches stooped to the ground with their ripe, delicious fruit. Man was busy gathering into his store house, the abundance which the face of mother earth supplied against the dreary day to come.

But now look around you and behold the change. Some rude invader has come to mar the fair domain. The brilliant ever-varying scene is converted into utter desolation. The forest looks like a countless army of tall spectres. The trees have lost their youth, their beauty and their splendour. The fields are stripped of their gay mantle, and nothing appears but the shrivelled weeds of mourning and lamentation. How is the fine gold changed! The songsters of the grove have disappeared. The softly murmuring brooks, soothing to the pensive imagination, will soon be locked in fetters more unyielding than brass. The bleating flocks and lowing herds seek shelter and care from the hand of man. In a short time the fair face of nature will be covered with one interminable sheet of white, and locked up in the vast chambers of death, as it to awake no more.

See then to what we are all like,—to the grass of the field, fair and beautiful, indeed, but only for a very short period, then wither away and be no more seen. Youth, like summer, is full of joy and delight. We are the pleasure of our parents and of our friends. Our expanding faculties, limbs and features—our every movement, gesture and prattle are viewed with indescribable delight as long as appearance promise ripened age and virtue. We look around us in the world and draw pleasure from every scene, and anticipate joy from every object of hope. It is the morning of our days. The sun shines, to the setting of which we look as to an object at an immeasurable distance, and please ourselves with the countless wonders which we perceive in prospective and then conclude that it has no bounds. Thus, we pass on in the morning of life, enjoying the scene around us, forming plans for increasing enjoyments through years to come, till the daughters of music retire from the harp—till those looking out at the windows become dim—till inanimate paleness succeeds the rosy hue—till pain, disease and tottering infirmities take possession of the whole citadel. Then, we may stand too good a comparison with the flower of the grass, when 'the cold cometh out of the north' and sheds a thick hoar on the shrivelled form. All this we have seen. The killing blast which has already laid prostrate all the glory of hill and dale is beginning to whiz around, and to threaten far greater severity. The hoary frost will pour its keen penetrating influence all around—it will appear in pendent crystals to our habitations, and incrust our windows with mimic phantoms of every shape. It will harden the fruitful fields into rocks of iron, and the low meadows into solid marble, which under the steel-shod hoof, resound like thunder. The stream of the majestic St. Lawrence will be arrested in its mighty career, and chained to its adamantine banks. The rolling fluid will become a solid highway for the heaviest stage to pass over. The whole face of nature, land and water, mountain and valley will, for months, lie under a thick, continuous mantle of polar snow. As this universal transformation is now in the full march of victory with irresistible power, let it remind us of the unsparing waste of time. We have seen the hoary head—the furrowed brow—the tottering limbs, over which the sun of three score years and ten, has risen and set, and behold! what a difference between the man at the age of twenty-five and himself, at the age of fourscore. The change is entire, universal. The glory is departed. Pleasures and enjoyments have vanished away. Decay—infirmities—the prelude of approaching dissolution, remain. The building is ready to fall. Such effects from the corroding hand of Time—such a change over our whole frame are in sure reserve for us if we live to see the day of hoary years drawing to its close. Hence the duty of all is, in the spring of life, to sow the seeds of religion and virtue, and, through life, like the prudent husbandman, to root out all weeds of bitterness, that when the harvest comes, there may be an abundant crop to be gathered into the garner.

J. R.

For the Mississkoui Standard.

MR. EDITOR:—Can you inform me how it is that a person being a Sergeant of militia can have been appointed a Commissioner for the summary trial of Small Causes under the Act. 6 W. 4. chap. 17—seeing that one of the provisions of the Act precludes the appointment of Bailiffs, Sergeants of Militia, &c., to be commissioners? Your answer is the more desirable inasmuch as one of the persons assuming to be Commissioner for the trial of Small Causes in this county, and who has, I am informed, actually taken the oath of office, and is acting as Commissioner—is now and has been for many years past a Sergeant of Militia. If a positive enactment of the Legislature be thus put aside in one instance to suit the convenience or views of a party, or to favor a particular individual—an aspirant for office, why may not the same thing be done in another? How could this man answer in the affirmative the interrogatory put to him by the civil Secretary in his circular, asking him if he were qualified to hold the office of Commissioner under the act in question? Yet he must have done so or he never would have been appointed Commissioner. This being the case, I would ask again, whether the

Individual who is capable of gaining a fact or distorting the truth in a matter however small, in order to favor his own purpose, is possessed of those nice and scrupulous feelings of integrity which should characterize a person called to the high and responsible office of dispensing justice between man and man?

Dec. 9, 1836.

It is requested that all letters and exchange papers for the Standard, from the United States, be addressed to UNION, Franklin Co. Vermont.

MISSISSKOU STANDARD.
FRELIGHSBURG, DEC. 13, 1836.

The longer we live the more wonders we are destined to see. The catalogue of approbations sent out from the Colonial Office in favor of every step and measure of Sir Francis Bond Head's administration, makes a pretty figure, when put in juxtaposition with the measures pursued in this province, and said to be also the subjects of unqualified approbation. The case is now clear, that measures of the most discrepant character are approved of by the Colonial Secretary. Sir Francis, who has bravely upheld the constitution of Upper Canada, is thanked 'for his prudent foresight, decision, and promptness in his proceedings, against revolutionary demagogues; and Lord Gosford, who, instead of using 'foresight, decision, and promptness,' in maintaining the charter of our freedom, has already very nearly surrendered the whole 'citadel' to the clamours of revolutionary agitators, is likewise approved of by the same high functionary. The discrepancy is irreconcilable; and to account for it what will become of the political honesty of Lord Glenelg?

Our readers will, of course, be gratified with both the motion and speech of Mr. Sherwood, on the famous missive of Mr. Papineau to Mr. Bidwell. The result of the motion must be obvious to all. We hope the Assembly will see cause to impeach the Hon. Speaker, before the Imperial Government of England, for high treason. The gentleman gave sufficient causes for this step in this province, but having been neglected by the proper authorities at the time, we trust the subject is now in good hands, and that justice will be done. It will place Upper Canada in the attitude of defiance against the infatuated handful of vain theorists, who would govern the 'mighty St. Lawrence,' amid the thousands of a rapidly increasing British and American population extending themselves on its banks from Cape Breton to the rolling waves of Lake Superior. The idea is too preposterous for one moment to be entertained.

Let the Constitutionals of this province, remain united, without allowing vain and impracticable theories to create dissensions among them, & they have nothing to fear. Let them act on the principle set forth in the Report and Addresses of their Delegates, as lately published, and they will succeed, because their views are loyal, rational and just. We would advise our friends to peruse these important documents again. They display knowledge, and firmness, tempered with the moderation of deep thought, political wisdom and sagacity, in which there is no intermixture of visionary dreams—plain, straight forward, energetic language, which never was surpassed by any productions of the Canada press. While we have such heads to work, the weakest may take courage. Who would not lament the death of Mr. Grant, the chairman of the meeting of Delegates, whose name is subscribed to these documents, as a public loss not easily repaired? We would like to see them printed in a pamphlet form.

We give part of Lord Aberdeen's despatch to Earl Amherst upon the affairs of Lower Canada, and make the following extract from the Quebec Gazette...

We recommend to those who wish to become acquainted with the true character of Lower Canada difficulties, an attentive perusal of the Earl of Aberdeen's minute on the subject, forming one of the enclosures in the Instructions to the Royal Commissioners. It gives the view which Sir Robert Peel's ministry had formed of our difficulties after the investigation before a committee of the House of Commons in 1834. It is probable that the members of the House of Commons who supported Sir Robert's administration, forming nearly one-half of the House, will readily co-operate in giving effect to any measure which may be recommended by the present ministers, consistent with that minute.

We learn by the Montreal Gazette that the Judges are to receive six months salary of the arrears now due to them. What a liberal Government, to pay off their servants by installments?

In answer to 'A LOOKERON,' we say, that the Act clearly disqualifies the persons holding the offices alluded to, from acting as commissioners. And if any such appointments have taken place in contravention of the provisions of the act, they should be immediately represented to the Executive.

We thank our friend for his information in respect to the irregular distribution of the Standard at Napierville and La Cole. The abuse complained of shall be remedied.

The weather has been unusually mild for the last few days, and the small quantity of snow which had previously fallen has consequently disappeared.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Mr. Secretary Joseph brought down from his Excellency a message, communicating to the House several despatches from his Majesty's Government relative to the affairs of this Colony. They approved of his Excellency's conduct in refusing the Contingencies and withholding his assent from the money bills passed last session; confirmed his view of the Constitutional powers of the executive council, as opposed to that of the late executive council and House of Assembly; approved of his dissolution of the House; considered his explanation of his reply to the House of Assembly relative to the note addressed to the new Executive Councils quite satisfactory; and conveyed His Majesty's thanks to Sir Francis for his prudent foresight, decision and promptness in his proceedings.

Another despatch containing a copy of the correspondence between Dr. C. Duncombe and the Colonial Office.

To the Editor of the Quebec Gazette.

Mr. Editor,—Among the many injudicious acts of Governors of the Colony, is the appointing to office persons who are, or have been inimical to the King's Government, and conspicuous in their attacks on the judiciary and other high functionaries.

From the constant appointment of men of the above description to offices of profit, it appears that a premium is held out to the brawler and wicked man, whilst the 'good men and true' are left on the shelf. Is it because a man makes himself conspicuous in the House of Assembly by slandering our Governors and our country? Is it because he endeavors to disseminate ill-will and dissension between parties bound to live together in peace & good-will one with another? Is it because he has assisted in bringing a Judge or Government officer before that Bear Garden the House of Assembly? Is it because he has assisted in drawing up the 92 Resolutions, in which our country, our King, and our laws are scoffed at, and our Governors treated with contempt?

If men are to be rewarded for doing these things, then let it be understood, that the more loyal and true you be, the farther you will be from honors, appointments, and respect, and the path the most lucrative to follow is, a steady and determined hatred to every thing British: the non-payment of the Judiciary and officers of the Crown, leaving us without watchmen and lights, and threatening 'that the population of English America will soon be greater than that of the former English Colonies.'

Dec. 2, 1836.

We have heard that a scheme for dividing the Clergy Appropriations among the two Established Churches, the Roman Catholics and the Wesleyan Methodists, will soon be laid before the assembly of Upper Canada under the sanction of the Executive Government. If this rumour be correct, we must say to Sir Francis, as he said to the good folks of Toronto, that if any body, Lord Glenelg for instance, has told him that the Constitutional Act authorises such a course he will find the contrary by reading it himself. According to the Constitutional act, of which Sir Francis has repeatedly professed to be the unflinching champion, the Provincial Legislature, as such, has nothing to do with the matter; and, without a violation both of the spirit and of the same statute, the imperial parliament cannot bestow the lands already appropriated on any other than a 'Protestant Clergy.' We do not question the abstract power of the imperial parliament to manage or mismanage those lands according to its sovereign will and pleasure; but we do feel, that, if any legislative body go one step beyond the provisions of the Constitutional act, it must defend its scheme against the clamour of the obstinately discontented on its own intrinsic merits.

But for what purpose is the Government to bring forward the rumoured measure? It cannot be from a regard to justice, that any one mediates the perpetration of robbery; and, if the scheme springs from motives of expediency, the means will not accomplish the end, and the end, therefore,

will not justify the means. Those, who have raised the loudest, steadiest outcry on the subject of the Church Lands, avowedly declare, that they will be satisfied with nothing less than the diverting of those lands to the purpose of education. Will the clamour of these people be silenced by the new scheme? Of course not. The clamour, if less general, will be much louder than before. *Nous verrons.*

But we suspect, that the details of the measure will actually extend and aggravate the clamour. The land or their proceeds are to be divided among the four denominations aforesaid according to their numbers in the United Kingdom; so that the Roman Catholics will get three or four times as much as the Church of Scotland. Will the Church of Scotland tamely submit to such arrangement? Will the church of England submit to it, more particularly as the smaller share of the Roman Catholics would become, through the celibacy of the clergy, virtually equal to the large share of the church of England?—Herald.

Notice.
JUST received by the schooner Malvina, a large supply of

Sheet-Iron,

of the first quality for making Stoves and Stove-Pipes, of which article the Subscriber has a large supply constantly on hand, and intends to sell for Cash as low as can be bought in Town or any other place.

JOHN DEATH.

Phillipsburg, Dec. 12th, 1836.

Notice.

MR. Farres having resigned the office of Clerk to the Commissioners' Court for this parish, the Subscriber informs the public that he has been appointed to the same, and will be ready, at all business hours, to wait on the public.

LEVI KEMP.

St. Armand East, 5th Dec. 1836. 35tf.

2,000 Minots
Lisbon Salt!

In fine condition, just Landed from on board the Schooner Malvina—likewise a quantity of blown SALT, a heavy Stock of general

Merchandize,

and for sale Wholesale & Retail by

W. W. SMITH.

Mississkoui Bay, 23d Nov., 1836. V2—35tf

NEW STORE
AND

New Firm!

THE subscribers have taken the store at Cookville, St. Armand, formerly occupied by Geo. Cook, Esq., where they have just received a new assortment of Goods, consisting of

Dry Goods,

Groceries, Crockery and Hardware, Salt, Glass, Nails, etc. etc.

and almost every article called for in a country Store. The above goods will be sold at very reduced prices. The Public are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves.

Ashes and most kinds of Produce received in exchange for Goods at fair prices.

A. & H. ROBERTS.

Cookville, Dec. 6, 1836.

Notice.

THE subscriber is paying Cash for

Oats, Pork, Butter and Cheese,

and as soon as the Sleighing commences will pay Cash for well dressed

Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Hens, and Squirrels, and undressed Partridges.

H. M. CHANDLER.

Frelighsburg, Nov. 29th 1836. V2—34tf

Notice.

THE subscriber will purchase and pay the highest price, in goods or, a part cash, for

Dung-Hill Fowls, Turkeys, & Geese,

to be of a good quality and well dressed, delivered at his Store, in Frelighsburg, between the 15th day of December next and the first day of January, 1837.

LEVI KEMP.

Frelighsburg, Nov. 12, 1836. V2 32tf.

Just Received,

30 chests Y. H. Tea,

25 do. H. S. do.

15 do. Souchang do.

10 do. Hyson do.

25 Bags Rio Coffee,

25 Kegs Tobacco,

15 Boxes Saunders Caven-

dish do.

6 Kegs Ladies Twist do.

20 Bags Pepper and Pimento,

40 Matts Capia,

2 Tons Trinidad Sugar,

2,000 Wt. Double Refined

Loaf Sugar,

and a variety of articles not enumerated, for sale by

W. W. SMITH.

Dec. 6, 1836. V2—35tf

SALT!!

500 Bushels St. Ubes SALT no a general assortment of

Dry Goods,

Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Iron, Nails, Oil, Glass, &c. &c.,

Just received and for sale by

RUSSELL & ROBERTS.

Wanted,

And the highest price will be paid for

Dung-hill fowls, Turkeys & Geese,

to be well dressed and of good quality, and delivered to us between the 15th day of Dec. next, and the 1st of January, 1837.

RUSSELL & ROBERTS.

Mississkoui Bay, Nov. 29th, 1836. V2...34tf

Just Received,

BY the Schooner Malvina, a large assortment of

Iron, Steel, Nails; Salt, Cod Fish; Sheet Iron, Stove Pipe; 24, 27, & 30 inch Single

STOVES;

Oils, Paints, Soap, Candles; Brown and Loaf Sugars, Salaratus, Teas,

Snuff, Tobacco; 7 1-2 by 8 1-2, 7 by 9 and 10 by 12 Window Glass; Sole and Upper Leather,

Boots and Shoes; Shovels, Spades, Rope, Batting, Wadding, Cotton Yarn

Horse Blankets; Raisins, Horehound Candy, &c. &c.

For sale VERY CHEAP, by

MUNSON & CO.

Phillipsburg, Nov. 22, 1836. 33—tf.

Notice.

THE Subscribers would say to their friends and the public, that they are receiving from New York, a general assortment of

Dry Goods

Groceries, Crockery & Hardware,

which they offer for sale, at reduced prices for Cash; or most kinds of Country produce, at their Store in West Berkshire, Vt. Those wishing to make good bargains will do well to call and examine for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.

CHAFFEE & BURLESON.

West Berkshire, Nov. 11th 1836.

Notice.

THE subscribers have received by the late fall arrivals, a general assortment of DRY GOODS, adapted for the winter & early spring trades, including Flannels, Merinoes, Circassians, Shalloons, Bombazettes, Padding, Grey Cottons, Molekins, White Shirtings, Scotch Hollands, Navy Blue, Mourning and Dark Fancy Prints, Lambs' Wool Shirts and Drawers, Lambs' Wool, Worsted, Merino, and Mohair Hosiery, and a general assortment of SMALL WARES.

ALSO

20 bales of COTTON YARN, assorted in bales of 300 lbs.

ROBERT ARMOUR & CO.

Montreal, November 15, 1836. 33—8v.

Notice.

BROKE into the enclosure of the subscriber, on the 17th inst., a red COW, with a star on her forehead, and off horn broken. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

EZRA BAKER.

Clarenceville, 18th October, 1836. V2 28—tf.

NEW YORK & MONTREAL

FURS!

Otter, South Sea Seal, Nutre, Seal and Jenett Caps, Boas, Ruffs, Tippetts, Jenett Collars and Gloves, Buffalo Robes,

&c. &c. &c., for sale by

W. W. SMITH.

Mississkoui Bay, Dec. 6th, 1836. V2—35tf

Public Notice

I hereby given that the Havensville Mill is now in full operation, and the proprietor feels it his duty to the public as well as to himself, in consequence of some unfavorable reports circulated by some evil disposed persons, to assure them that he is able, and pledges himself to do as good work as can be done at any other Mill in the province.

He would add that his Smut Mill, the only thing that failed to operate to his satisfaction at the commencement, has been remodeled, and is now pronounced by good judges who have examined it, to equal if not surpass any other they have ever seen; but as bad news always drives past while good news bails, he would advise his friends of what they may have forgotten, that the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it and not in the steam.

M. HAVEN.

Dunham, Oct. 25th, 1836. V2 20—4v

NEW GOODS,

JUST RECEIVED!!!

Munson & Co.,

In returning thanks for the good share of Public patronage with which they have been favoured, inform their old friends and customers that they have received and are now opening at their store in Phillipsburg, a very nice, well selected, and extensive assortment of

Fall & Winter

GOODS!

all of which they will sell as cheap as they can be bought at any Store in the Townships, none excepted.

They add further, that they will purchase good

Pine Logs,

that will make Plank or Boards, for the southern Market, to be delivered at any responsible Saw-Mill within 10 miles of Mississkoui Bay; and will make advances on the same to any responsible person. The Logs to be delivered any time in the course of next Winter.

Phillipsburg, Nov. 3, 1836.

NEW STORE

&

New Goods!!

H. G. Smith

IS now receiving direct from New York, an entire new stock of

GOODS,

at the new Store, just fitted up, a few doors south of P. H. Campbell's Hotel, in

'ST. ALBANS,

where will be found a good assortment of

Fancy & Staple

Dry Goods;

among which are:—

Sheetings, Tickings, Bating, Wadding, Cotten Yarn, Wicking, French, English & German

Merinoes,

Merino Circass. Common do.

(a first rate article.)

Goats' Hair Camblets, Common Camblets, Figured and Plain ilks,

(of almost all colors.)

Silk, Velvet, &c.

Teas,

Tobacco, Spice, Pepper, Ginger, Salaratus, Snuffs, Raisins, Sugar, Coffee,

and almost all kinds of Dry Goods, of a superior quality. A very large assortment of

Crockery & Glass Ware, Hard Ware, Nails, Glass,

Fish & Flour, Paints & Oil, Buffalo Robes, Caps, Collars, Fur Tippetts,

and other articles too numerous to mention; all of which will be sold for Cash or Produce, at very reduced prices. Inhabitants of Canada, intending to make purchases in this town, will find it for their interest to call and examine qualities and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

18th October, 1836. V2 28—6v

RAIL-ROAD LINE

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FROM

STANSTEAD-PLAIN

TO

ST. JOHNS.

Messrs. CHANDLER, STEVENS, CLEMENT & TUCK,

Proprietors.

FARE 3 1-2 DOLLARS, (17s 6d.)

LEAVES St. Johns, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and arrives at Stanstead Plain in the evening.

Leaves Stanstead Plain, Tuesday and Friday mornings, and arrives at St. Johns in the evening. Passengers from Stanstead, may, if they please, breakfast in Montreal the next morning. Thus the advantages of this new line are obvious.

Strayed,

FROM the pasture of the subscriber, in Dunham, two 2 year old HEIFERS, one yellow, with a star on the forehead, the other a dark red, with some white on the legs; any information respecting the same will be thankfully received by the subscriber, & all reasonable charges paid.

ARCHIBALD M. MILTIMORE.

Dunham October 21, 1836. V2 20—tf.

MISCELLANY.

SELF-APPRECIATION.

The self-appreciation of all men is perhaps pretty much alike; the grand difference lies in the power of concealing it. In one point of view, he whom the world calls the vain man is only the most candid, while the person denominated modest is only so far a hypocrite. Nevertheless, as the intrusion of our self-appreciation before the eyes of others is to them disagreeable, it must be considered as a violation of the convenience of our fellow-creatures, which, like all similar annoyances, they are entitled to resent; and as it at the same time betrays a want of self-command, or of knowledge of the world, on the part of those manifesting it, mankind are equally justified in characterising it as either a defect in character or in conduct. Whatever, therefore, be the comparative simplicity of intentions in the vain man, his fault is one which it is for his advantage to combat, and, if possible, suppress.

When any man conceives that he possesses some peculiar mental qualification which should bring him to distinction in life, let him exert that property in every feasible way for the end which he has in view. All kinds of doings are tolerated in such a person; he may write upon the loftiest theme in the world, or attempt a scientific project, which, if successful, would revolutionise the general affairs of mankind. One thing, however, he must not do: he must not breathe a word to any living creature, that could be interpreted into a confession of his own sense of superiority. To put forward the slightest verbal or written pretension to a merit which either has or has not yet been conceded by the voice of his fellow-creatures, shipwrecks him at once, by stamping him as 'a vain man.' Nay, if he so much as receives a compliment in a way not perfectly modest—if he treats it in the least as a matter of course, or as a thing which he thought he had reason to expect...if he do not, in fact, express a perpetual wonder at the honors that come upon him, and appear, all the time he is writing and fighting for praise, to be unconscious of there being any such thing in the world, he is equally sure to get this condemning reputation. The world will allow him to be as great a dissembler as he pleases, but it will not allow him to show the most distant symptom of self-esteem—an expressive enough proof of the leniency with which mankind often treat real vices, while simple weaknesses are punished without mercy.

It is a common remark, that modesty is always found in the same proportion as true greatness. And so it well may. When the literary society of Portsmouth came to pay their respects to Sir Walter Scott, then about to depart for Italy, and to make him an honorary member of their body, he expressed himself as oppressed with a compliment, to which 'so humble an individual as he' had no pretension! Such, we have learned from one of the society, were nearly his exact words; and innumerable anecdotes of this eminent man could be adduced to the same effect. Now, with us the wonder would have been greater, if a man who received praise so abundantly and so readily, had continued to appear externally covetous of it, or even in his heart received it with satisfaction. It was, in this case, water poured upon the drowned. The man from whom, in reality, modesty of this kind is least to be expected, is he, who, getting little spontaneous praise from his fellow-men finds himself under the necessity of giving them a gentle hint now and then as to his pretensions, and thus ravishing what he cannot get by fair means. Such a man has no acquired reputation to risk by his want of modesty, and thus one of the greatest checks is wanted. The backwardness of mankind makes him desperate, and, seeing that he cannot be worse than he is, he hesitates not to tell them that he is at least no inconsiderable person in his own eyes. If such an individual, however, were suddenly to become really worthy of the admiration of his fellow-men, every step he advanced would be a pledge for his modesty, and he would at no time appear less aware of the existence of his laurels, than at the moment when they were actually blinding him with their luxuriance.

The strong and the feeble parts of human nature are so curiously mingled, that we sometimes find in one man the power to excel almost all others in a certain department of exertion, accompanied by an imbecility of character which causes him to seem even more vain and childish than the most undeveloped fool. All who have been much acquainted, for instance, with literary men, must have remarked, that, in some, the power of composing language seemed rather to arise from a disease in their minds—a kind of suppuration—than from any superior organization or innate genius. Vanity is an almost unfailing peculiarity in such persons; and if they do any good at all, to no other impulse or motive can it be traced. While these considerations call for our wonder, they should also make us humanely lenient towards the class of offenders whom we are pointing out to public notice. I may grant that the manifestation of self-esteem is an annoyance to others; yet I am inclined at the same time to suspect, that he who is most anxious for praise himself, is likely to be most fretted by seeing it thus self-applied in another. On no other principle does it appear to me explicable, that

men visit this foible with so much reprobation and ridicule, while they will strain every nerve, and scout every received moral maxim, in order to explain away the actual wickedness of some talented favorite, who perhaps despised them, & made them his tools. It is the part of a good spirit to regard this weakness with gentleness, as one which does no real harm to any one, while it is evidently a source of happiness to the individual in whom it is manifested. There are many points in human character more worthy of rebuke and more liable to reformation than this; and the pleasures of life are not so abundant as to enable us to spare even one so peculiarly founded on delusion.

THE SULTAN'S SLIPPER.

The Sultan saw from the terrace of his palace a lady of transcendent beauty. The sight of her charms inflamed him; he called one of his slaves to demand if he knew her.

She, said the slave, is it possible that your majesty has not heard tell of Chemsennessa Cadoun, wife of Vizir Feirouz; she passes with justice for the most beautiful woman of the city, and her intelligence equals her beauty.—These words inflamed the Sultan still more, and he resolved to make known to this marvellous beauty the sentiments with which she had inspired him. He must manage to remove a husband...and by husband, in the east, is understood a man exceedingly jealous. The Sultan sent to seek Feirouz, and handing him a paper, said—Go, Vizir; execute the orders enclosed in this, and return to render me an account of your mission.

Feirouz returned to his house, took his arms, and departed with so much precipitation that he forgot, upon his sofa, the orders given him by the Sultan.

The prince, in his impatience had scarcely learned the departure of Feirouz, than he flew to the palace of the Vizir; it was opened by an eunuch, who introduced him to the apartment of his mistress. What was her astonishment on seeing the monarch before her?—Trembling, overcome, she scarcely dared to raise her eyes; recovering a little from her alarm, she penetrated the design of the Sultan but as she was sagacious as beautiful, she wished not to give him time to explain himself, and pronounced two Arabic verses *impromptu*, to this effect:

The lion believes that he would degrade himself in picking the leavings of the wolf; and that king of animals to slake his thirst in the stream which the dog has soiled by his impure tongue.

The words, readily understood by the Sultan, subdued at once all hopes of success.—He retired all confused, and his chagrin made him forget one of his slippers.

In the mean time, Feirouz, after having searched in vain for the order given him by his prince, recollected that he had left it on his sofa; he was obliged to return to recover it...the slipper of the Sultan, which no one had perceived before him; taught him but too clearly the designs of his monarch and the motives that prompted him away. Tormented at the same time, by his pride and his jealousy, he sought the means of repudiating his wife, without risking the loss of his dignity: he commenced by rendering an account to the king of the commission he had given him: on his return to his wife, that he might be left at leisure to furnish it, it was necessary that she should go to the house of her father. He gave her, at the same time, a hundred pieces of gold.

Chemsennessa, having no cause of self-reproach, was very far from suspecting the truth; she obeyed without a murmur many days passed without Feirouz appearing, an absence so long and unusual astonished his wife; she could not conceal her distress from her brothers—they went to find Feirouz—'acquaint us,' said they 'with the motives of your conduct to your wife; if she is guilty, far from taking part with her, we will wash out with her blood, the outrage she has done you.'

The Vizir, without wishing to enter into an explanation, answered that he had paid to their sister the portion agreed upon at their marriage, and that she had nothing more to demand of him...irritated at this answer, they appealed to the law. The usages of the country required in such cases that the Sultan should assist in rendering judgment.

The brothers of Chemsennessa said to the judge:—'Sire, we have rented to Feirouz a delicious garden; this charming palace was a terrestrial paradise; when put into his hands it was surrounded with high walls, and planted with beautiful trees, set out with flowers, and charged with the finest fruits; he has ravished the tender flowers, and consumed its exquisite fruits, and now he would surrender to us this garden, despoiled of all that rendered it fragrant and delicious.' The judge having ordered the Vizir to make his defence; 'it is in spite of me,' said he, 'that I renounce the enjoyment of a spot which was so dear to me; but one day that I walked in an alley of this garden, I perceived there a trace of the foot of a lion; terror seized my soul, and I judged it better to yield up the garden to this terrible animal, than to expose myself to his wrath.'

The Sultan who was present, addressing the Vizir, said to him:—'Re-enter your garden, Feirouz, you have nothing to apprehend; it is true that the lion has placed its foot there; but he has not been able to touch any of its fruit, and he went out of it with shame and con-

fusion; there never was a more beautiful garden, nor one better guarded or sheltered from attain.'

The words, enigmatical to all who were not interested, re-assured Feirouz: he reclaimed his wife, and loved her more than ever, since he knew the difficult trial to which her virtue had been exposed.

The recorded instances of absence of mind, are multiplying in the newspapers. The last was said to be that of a ship carpenter, who bit off the end of a copper spike and drove a plug of tobacco into the plank of a vessel. But the very last occurred the other day in our office;—quite a rational looking man came in and gravely asked if we wished to buy a likely horse, worth eighty dollars...cash in hand? Eighty dollars! So much money in a printing office!! Write his name—Aberration!

Telegraphs on Railroad.—It is in contemplation to establish a system of telegraphic communication, both by day and night, on the great railroads now in formation in England, more particularly on the London and Birmingham and Grand Junction lines. This at times may be very useful, not only for the transmission of mercantile and political intelligence, but in announcing the position of the different trains—hours of departure...or any accident on the line. As it is, persons are constantly employed along the lines to warn travellers of the approach of trains, & otherwise to watch over the safety of those who use this mode of conveyance; and it would add little to the expense, and greatly both to the safety and advantage of the railroads that these persons should have the means of telegraphic communication along the whole route.—[Rochester Democrat.]

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PRICE 75 CENTS.

Sold wholesale by the Proprietor, at Georgia, Vt. and by J. CURTIS, Druggist, St. Albans, Vt. wholesale Agent, and Joint Proprietor, where all orders at wholesale or retail, will meet with immediate attention. A few bottles of this invaluable medicine may be had of Munson & Co. Mississkoui Bay, Beardsley and Goodnow, Henryville, Samuel Maynard, Dunham, and Levi Kemp, St. Armand.

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AN Excellent FARM, situated upon the main road, in the flourishing Township of Farnham, adjoining the residence of Samuel Wood, Esquire, M. P. P. The farm is advantageously situated, and contains 200 acres of land—one half under good improvement, upon which there is a dwelling house, and two new barns have been recently erected with a small shed attached to one of them. Title indisputable—terms liberal. For further particulars enquire of Dr. Chamberlin, of the village of Freilichsburg, or the undersigned proprietor.

SARAH WINCHESTER.

Dunham, 3d Sept. 1836. Vt. 22, 12w.

Take Notice.

THIS is to forbid any person or persons from purchasing any notes against me in favor of Henry D. Chapman to the amount of thirty or forty dollars dated 7th Nov. 1836 for which I have received no value.

JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Churchville 3th Nov 1836.



Cash for Wool!

NOTICE

IS hereby given that two shillings currency per pound will be paid at the Factory of the British American Land Company at Sherbrooke, for clean native Wool, average quality, the produce of the Eastern Townships. Sherbrooke, May 10, 1836. V2—7

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SMITH, HARRINGTON & EATON, respectfully inform the printers of the Upper & Lower Provinces, and the public generally, that having established a

STEREOTYPE FOUNDRY,

AT

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Leads furnished at the Franklin Foundry, on the most reasonable terms.

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College Street, Burlington Vt. }
January 12 1836.

Card.

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Tailoring

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Cutting done in the most approved style, at the shortest notice, for which nothing but Cash will be received.

DANIEL FORD.

Philipsburg, June 21, 1836. V2.11—1y.

TO THE PUBLIC.

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ANDREW H. ARMOUR,

Recording Secretary,

July 30 1836

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